

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****SMART RECEIPT**

5           A method, program, and system for processing  
electronic receipts within a computer network are  
provided. The present invention comprises creating a  
customer profile for a user using a Smart Receipt  
10           application. When the user purchases items, electronic  
receipts (smart receipts) are sent from the point of sale  
to a designated database. The database may be on a credit  
card company server, the product manufacturer's server, a  
special cash receipts server, or a central clearing house  
15           server. When the customer wants a copy of a receipt, he  
or she enters search parameters which specify the desired  
receipt. The search parameters may include item type,  
date of purchase, and method of purchase. A Smart  
Receipt object is then initiated, which retrieves the  
20           specified electronic receipt from the appropriate  
database, according to the search parameters. A copy of  
the retrieved electronic receipt is then downloaded to a  
client machine (e.g. PDA, PC) designated by the customer  
profile.

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